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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: *Classic Sports Network, Inc. v. Cablevision
Systems Corporation, CSR-4975-P*

Dear Mr. Caton:

Attached please find an original and two copies
of (1) Complainant's Petition to File Notice of
Appearance and (2) Complainant's Notice of Appearance in
the above-referenced proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have
any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Cooper

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BEFORE THE
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In the Matter Of)
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CLASSIC SPORTS NETWORK, INC.,)
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Complainant,)
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v.)
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CABLEVISION SYSTEMS CORPORATION,)
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Defendant.)

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

CS Docket No. 97-171

CSR-4975-P

PETITION TO FILE
NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Before the Honorable Joseph Chachkin

Classic Sports Network, Inc. ("CSN"), by its attorneys, hereby enters files this petition to file a notice of appearance in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.221. In support thereof, CSN shows the following:

1. On August 5, 1997, the Cable Services Bureau released an order designating the above captioned case for a hearing at a date and place to be determined by an Administrative Law Judge.

2. On August 8, 1997, The Honorable Joseph Stirmer, Chief Administrative Law Judge, released an order (the "Hearing Order") designating Administrative Law Judge Joseph Chachkin as the Presiding Judge in this proceeding,

setting a hearing to convene on November 4, 1997, and setting a prehearing conference to be held on September 9, 1997.

3. For reasons not known to CSN or its counsel, neither CSN or its counsel received a copy of the Hearing Order. Indeed, CSN only learned of the September 9 prehearing conference through a telephone call made by Cablevision Systems Corp.'s general counsel to a third party on September 8, 1997.

4. Immediately upon learning of the September 9 prehearing conference, counsel for CSN contacted counsel for Cablevision Systems Corp. and agreed to postpone the prehearing conference, pending Judge Chachkin's approval.

5. Judge Chachkin agreed to postpone the prehearing conference, which has been rescheduled for September 23, 1997.

6. The reason that CSN and/or its counsel did not receive the Hearing Order remains unknown. However, because the Hearing Notice was not received, CSN did not file its notice of appearance within the requisite 20 day period. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.221.

7. Section 1.221 permits a party to file a petition to receive an extension of the 20 day period for filing a notice of appearance.

8. Because CSN was unaware of the Hearing Order until September 8, CSN respectfully requests permission to file its notice of appearance today.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robert M. Cooper, hereby certify that on the 10th day of September, 1997, I caused a copy of the foregoing PETITION TO FILE NOTICE OF APPEARANCE to be served upon the following by first class mail, postage prepared:

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